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General Comment

I am a third generation of a farm family. Since I can remember starting with my Grandfather our family has tried to be good stewards of the land. We do not use excessive fertilizer to start with not only because it is not good for the enviroment but it would only cost us money. We notill 90% of the land we till and would be 100% if not for vegetables. We have used and still use filter stips in our operation. We have and still plant cover crops even on land that will be conventionally tilled the following year, and even when the funds for cost share are not available we still plant a cover. This year we are trying a new cover that Virginia does not even cost share on. We are trying this because it is supposed to take up 100% of any nitrogen that is left over from the previous crop and returns the nitrogen back to the spring cash crop the following year. I would also like to say the information being plugged into the Bay Model is incorrect from the stand point that acres planted into cover and do not receive cost share dollars are not incuded. I could go on and on but I am sure you have more than enough mail like this to read so I will stop here. Please do not regulate us.